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Collaboration can be a life line for youth, front line workers, families.

Collective calls to action

Different forces for leveraging change

Need to know more about what each of us does so we can leverage each other's roles and access to work towards better outcomes

Knowledge translation and capacity building in the youth serving sector

we need to stand together to change public opinion, it is driving decision makers and taking us in the wrong direction

awareness and connection to different roles across the youth system of care

The space is very fractured (and even language like "lets burn down MCFD" is not helpful in fostering collaboration)

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Could help to resource and consolidate Indigenous children/youth voices in governance (i.e. a toxic drug crisis Indigenous youth council that provides guidance to policy makers and organizations)

Hyperbole in language we use to describe each other doesn't help

we need to consider how we can be good allies to good work happening (how can we pair researchers with community led innovations?)

Advocating for better community collaboration. Being a community leader.

Representation of different groups/perspectives and roads of advocacy

Finding areas of unity to advocate more forcefully/effectively on certain aspects of the responses

I am part of a large organization. We need a strong collective movement from the top down to mobilize change - even seemingly small directives, like every youth should have access to harm reduction.

Funding models should require collaboration.

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can only do so much from the ground up; need to support those in the 'top' to speak for what will truly make a difference

We need to realize that just because things are overall getting more challenging it doesn't mean we haven't had success or folks aren't doing a good job

We need to expose what isn't working....we know the principles of good work (child centered, TIP, etc) but that is not what is offered despite calling it as much

We can re-center the health of communities - re-think funding models and shift the power of decisionmaking from province to community, enabling collaboration and shared vision for a healthy population

Need a more flexible definition of outcome as each person has a different path. A one size fits all approach won't help everyone. Collectively need to understand the goals and spectrum of outcome

Look at the ripple - how is this impacting all of us - make it relevant, bring the compassion back

collaboration needs to include aligning policies/procedures/provincial direction across systems. We want to work together but right now the burden is on individual clinicians to go against policy to.

refocus on the essential need for harm reduction

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Map all organizations focused on the same goal/target groups

Need to create/commit to Duty to Support/Duty to Respond models that follow Jordans Principle approach for SUB and all SDOH

It would be helpful to separate out the "upstream" and the "downstream" conversations --- both are valid but we get annoyed when we circle back and forth

Youth OPS educations and spreading the word on why its needed

Move upstream.

Sustainable funding is required, how funding is provided needs to be revamped and needs to be focused more on communities, collaboration with other organizations NEEDS TO BE BUILT into the deliverable

Media

an aligned definition of what treatment/interventions mean - right now we don't have a common language!

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Need to call on the system to enable whole of child approach

I cannot do this alone. We need a youth strategy in this province to promote positive youth development for all youth, in the context of the toxic drug supply. Let's move away from labels.

need to address failures and distrust of system. The systems are failing youth, no wonder they wont participate anymore

Wondering what kinds of tools / power the CYR office has to push government to invest in the supports that we already know are needed? - preventative, upstream supports, resources to communities.

voices of those MOST impacted

Our large systems are system focused - they are siloed - what needs to happen for systems to be truly client centered

Let's move away from labels, and stop talking about youth who use substances and talk instead about positive youth development for all youth growing up in the toxic drug crisis.

some how we as providers AND those who are navigating substance use must work together

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- politicians cannot be scared to stand behind their policies

we would love to see conversations that helps understand what services are missing - do they exist - or is there maybe a gap in resources (i.e. housing) in some areas.

- and the stigma placed on those who use should be lifted. WE ARE NOT DEFINED BY THE so-called CONSEQUENCES of OUR ACTIONS

How to collaboratively up political pressure - viewing this as a political and resource allocation issue versus only a problem of 'lack of understanding' or lack of collaboration.

Just a note that calling out the violence in "burn down MCFD" was also a very vulnerable thing to do - and I feel we marginalized that voice

collective advocacy on anti-Indigenous racism, rising targeting of 2-Spirit and LGBT youth, people w- MH issues and/or who use drugs, youth & people who are homeless, & gendered violence.